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Gen. Lord visits AFRL's Propulsion Directorate



WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, gets an up-close look at an historic WW II R2800 radial engine that powered the P-47 Thunderbolt. Col. Michael Heil (left), Air Force Research Laboratory's Propulsion Directorate chief, hosted Lord and other members of the Enterprise Integrated Council during a Wright-Patterson Air Force Base visit Oct. 22, where council members discussed the future of aircraft and space propulsion programs. The Propulsion Directorate developed, tested and transitioned the R2800 engine and helped to develop other technologies, such as high-octane fuel and water injection used in this engine. There were more than 125,000 produced and this engine was used in more than 38 different types of aircraft. (Photo by Mike Kelly)